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The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I cannot do it."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether Bellary is considered to be Kanarese or Telugu area?"

Filling up of vacancies in the posts of District Judges and District Munsifs.

* 240 Q.—Rao Sahib B. Venkataramayya: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state why two posts of District Judges were kept vacant from July 1930 and December 1930 till last month and why five posts of Subordinate Judges and 15 posts of District Munsifs are still kept vacant?

A.—The two vacancies in the posts of District and Sessions Judges which arose on 19th July 1930 and 15th December 1930 were not kept vacant until June 1931 as suggested but were filled up permanently with retrospective effect from the date on which the vacancies arose. Orders filling up the vacancies were not issued until June 1931 because for various reasons it was not possible to arrive at a decision earlier.

The question of filling up the vacancies in the five posts of Subordinate Judges which had necessarily to wait for the orders on the confirmation of District Judges is now under the consideration of the Government.

The vacancies in the posts of District Munsifs are filled up by the High Court. The Government have no information on this point.

Proposal for the abolition of the District Munsif's Court at Cheyyar, North Arcot.

* 241 Q.—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether there is any proposal now before the Government to abolish the District Munsif's Court at Cheyyar (North Arcot district)?

A.—No.

Electricity

Charges made by the Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, for the supply of electricity to the public and the Government.

* 242 Q.—Rao Sahib C. Jayaram Nayudu: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have permitted the Madras Electric Supply Corporation to charge 5 annas per unit for supplying electric current to the public, whereas they are now getting the same at 3 annas per unit in regard to the supply of the electric current to their buildings;